

1. A J-channel connection for use with an inserted siding panel comprising:

a J- channel member having an inner face, a bridge, and an outer face, said bridge connecting the inner face to the outer face, said inner face and said outer face being substantially parallel to one another and spaced apart by a channel, said outer face having a cantilevered end spaced from the bridge; and

a retainer having a wall member resiliently connected to an engagement tab, said wall member fixedly secured relative to the inner face of the J-channel member, said engagement tab biased toward the cantilevered end of the outer face of the J-channel member;

whereby the engagement tab and the cantilevered end of outer face cooperate to capture an end of an inserted siding panel.

2. The J-channel connection of claim 1 wherein the cantilevered end of the outer face has an inwardly directed lip, and the lip and the engagement tab cooperate to capture the inserted siding panel therebetween.

3. A channel connection for use with an inserted siding panel comprising:

a channel member having an inner face, a bridge, and an outer face, said bridge connecting the inner face to the outer face, said inner face and said outer face being spaced apart by a channel, said outer face having a cantilevered end spaced from the bridge; and

a retainer having a wall member resiliently connected to an engagement tab, said wall member fixedly secured relative to the inner face of the channel member, said engagement tab biased against the cantilevered end of the outer face of the J-channel member in a pre-panel insertion configuration.

4. The channel connection of claim 3 wherein the cantilevered end of the channel member further comprises an inwardly directed lip, said inwardly directed lip contacting the engagement tab in the pre-panel insertion configuration.
5. The channel connection of claim 3 wherein the inner face and the outer face of the channel member are substantially parallel.
6. The channel connection of claim 3 wherein the bridge is perpendicular to the outer face.
7. The channel connection of claim 3 wherein the bridge is perpendicular to the inner face.
8. The channel connection of claim 3 wherein the inner face of the channel member has a length greater than a length of the outer face.
9. The channel connection of claim 3 wherein the wall member of the retainer is fixedly secured to the inner face of the channel member.
10. The channel connection of claim 3 wherein the wall member is parallel to the inner face of the channel member.
11. The channel connection of claim 3 wherein the engagement tab and the wall member are substantially parallel.

12. The channel connection of claim 11 further comprising a shoulder connecting the engagement tab and wall member.

13. The channel connection of claim 3 in combination with a siding panel, said siding panel having an inserted end captured intermediate the engagement tab and the cantilevered end of the outer face in an inserted configuration.

14. The combination of claim 13 wherein the outer face further comprises an inwardly directed lip, and the inwardly directed lip and engagement tab capture the siding panel in the inserted configuration.

15. The combination of claim 14 wherein the inserted siding panel further comprises lugs, said lugs directed toward the outer face.

16. A J-channel connection in combination with an inserted siding panel comprising:

a J-channel member having an inner face, a bridge, and an outer face, said bridge connecting the inner face to the outer face, said inner face and said outer face being substantially parallel to one another and spaced apart by a channel, said outer face having a cantilevered end spaced from the bridge; and

a retainer having a wall member resiliently connected to an engagement tab, said wall member fixedly secured to the inner face of the J-channel member, said engagement tab biased toward the cantilevered end of the outer face of the J-channel member; and

a siding panel, said siding panel inserted intermediate the engagement tab and the cantilevered end of the J-channel member into the channel into an installed configuration.

17. The combination of claim 16 wherein the siding panel is inserted along an insertion plane and the insertion plane is intersected only by the siding panel in the channel.

18. The combination of claim 16 wherein the cantilevered end of the outer face further comprises an inwardly direct lip and wherein the siding panel further comprises lugs, said lugs contacting one of the retainer and the inwardly directed lip.

19. The combination of claim 16 wherein the J-channel member has a width and the retainer has a width and the widths of the J-channel member and the retainer are substantially equal.

20. The J-channel of claim 16, wherein the siding panel is movable relative to the retainer in the installed configuration.